

Nature Vs. Nurture Debate

How do we prepare?

Once assigned a side in the debate, it is your task to research the topic. You will gather **evidence organized by argument** that will be used to support your group's position. Using this evidence as an aid, the team prepares a set of persuasive arguments designed to sway the debate in your favour. Use the best of what you have found and present it with effective, confident delivery. It is also critical to consider what the opposition will say. Think through all the possible arguments your opponents will make. Success in a debate hinges on the ability to show that the opposing team's reasoning is weaker than yours.

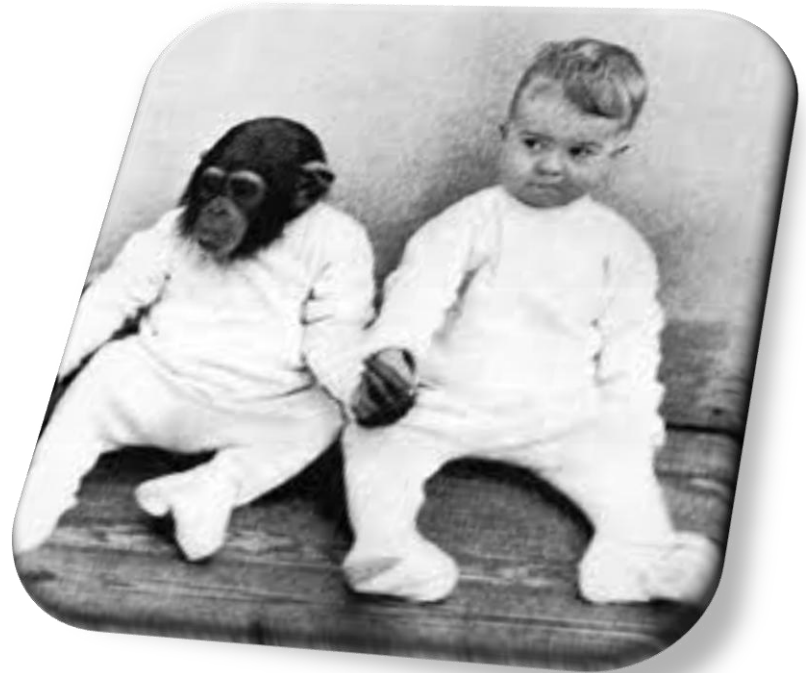
Timetable – summary

- Affirmative – 6 min
- Negative – 6 min
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- Negative – 6 min
- **Break – 10 min (use this time to make last minute changes to your rebuttal)**
- Rebuttal negative – 6 min
- Rebuttal affirmative – 6 min
- Rebuttal negative – 6 min (with concluding statements)
- Rebuttal affirmative – 6 min (with concluding statements)

Submissions

You will be submitting a copy of your arguments for evaluation. **(Bring two copies)** You will present:

1. your position and evidence
2. possible arguments of the other side
3. rebuttals to the other teams arguments



Evaluation

Category	Criteria	Marking
Knowledge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ At least 4 examples are referenced ▪ Demonstrates a working knowledge of the debate 	/10
Thinking/Inquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The analysis is logical and well-explained. All arguments and analysis are directly related to examples and information from secondary sources 	/10
Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use introductory and concluding statements. ▪ Attention to spelling and grammar. ▪ Uses language and voice that are convincing and confident. 	/10
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Adheres to the debate format ▪ Presents convincing and well organized positions using the debate format. 	/10

Some key terms to aide your research:

Nature vs. Nurture	Socialization	Genetic Determinism
Heredity	Environmental Factors	Predisposition
Human Behaviour	The "Gay" Gene	Nurture Theory
Feral Children (Victor)	Biological Determinism	Twin Studies
Human Nature	Human Nature & War	Primatology/Anthropology